

few U.S. budgetary resources have been devoted over the years to cutting-edge coal technologies. This is mind-boggling policy, given coal's abundance on our own shores.

The United States will never drill its way out of our oil dependency. But using proven, coal-to-liquid technology and American initiative, we could revolutionize our way to a new energy era. This bill helps to level out Federal tax policy that has long been tilted against the public in favor of rich oil companies.

VERMONT WOMAN WINS NATIONAL HONOR FOR HELPING WOMEN IN BUSINESS

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for almost two decades Janet Bullard has been the program manager and office manager for the Vermont Commission on Women. Her tireless and inspired work for the Commission, work done for the betterment of the conditions in which women in the State of Vermont live and for the expansion of opportunities available to women, has recently been recognized by a signal honor.

On April 12 in Washington, DC, Janet Bullard was recognized by the Small Business Administration as the National Women in Business Champion of the Year. The competition for this award was nationwide. Janet first won the Vermont State award, then the New England Regional Award, and finally prevailed over a group of remarkably qualified women nationally. The SBA's award is bestowed on a person who has been an advocate for the women-owned business community, who has expanded the business and financial opportunities for women, and who has helped strengthen the role played by business owners in the community.

Janet, a resident of Chelsea, Vermont, has worked for the Vermont Commission of Women for 19 years, almost half of its existence. Established in 1964 by Governor Phil Hoff, the Commission has been an advocate for women and their rights and opportunities for 42 years. It consistently, and with great success, has been the primary advocate in the State of Vermont for the economic, social and political equality of women.

Janet Bullard has championed the rights of women, opened new doors for women, helped bring women together so that they can learn and strategize and about how to succeed in an economic world formerly dominated almost exclusively by men. And her involvement is concrete and financial as well: she has helped women get loans so they can establish businesses. In addition, for the last 10 years she has also worked to get funding for Vermont domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Society changes more through dedicated work than through speeches, more by enduring commitments than by public appearances. For 19 years, Janet Bullard has worked tirelessly—a labor of love—to improve the status and business opportunities of women in the State of Vermont. Her dedication, and her remarkable ability to get things done, has left its mark on generations of women in our State.

I want to call particular attention to her work with Vermont's community action agencies, her unceasing effort to develop ways to help women start businesses with the aid of micro-loans. She has helped, time and again, leverage State and independent organization funds, and Federal funds, to help women—and especially low-income women—get a start in business.

Here is how Wendy Love, Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women described Janet's work the other day: "Janet has an outstanding history with the Commission for almost 20 years, and has shown great dedication to the Commission and to helping women. She has really been a major voice for women's economic opportunity in Vermont. Every time we talk about doing something, she is five steps ahead. Janet has been a glue, helping bind together the folks who work at the community action agencies in micro-business development, and the people who work for the Federal Government at the Small Business Development Center."

We in Vermont are delighted with the honor bestowed upon Janet Bullard: It is richly deserved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's rollcall votes on H.R. 5385, the 2007 Military Construction, Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted against the Blumenauer Amendment (rollcall No. 175) and in favor of final passage (rollcall No. 176).

HONORING GARRISON CSM GARY DAVIS

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Garrison Command Sergeant Major Gary Davis of Fort Knox, Kentucky, retiring June 2 after more than 33 years of military service.

A native of Spokane, Washington, Garrison CSM Davis first enlisted in 1972, completing a 6 year tenure with the Washington State National Guard. After a brief assignment with the Montana State National Guard, he joined the Active Army in May 1980, attending unit training at the United States Army Armor Center at Fort Knox.

Prior to his current assignment at Fort Knox, Garrison CSM Davis served as an instructor at the United States Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX; and completed numerous other assignments leading soldier divisions in Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, Hawaii, Louisiana and Germany.

During his time at Fort Knox, Garrison CSM Davis's leadership inspired officers and civilians to be good neighbors, making Fort Knox

and its surrounding communities a better place to live and work. In this capacity, he oversaw critical improvements to the Garrison, including the modernizing of residential facilities, enhancing the quality of life of Fort Knox soldiers and their families.

Garrison CSM Davis was a tireless advocate of Fort Knox's military value and future viability in the months leading up to last year's Base Realignment and Closure consideration. Because of his efforts, Fort Knox remains open, adapting to a new mission as a vital multi-functional home to operational army forces and various administrative commands.

Garrison CSM Davis's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, United Nations Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism and the Superior Unit Award.

It is my great privilege to recognize Garrison Command Sergeant Major Gary Davis today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his lifelong example of leadership and service. I would like to thank him personally for his exemplary stewardship at Fort Knox during a time of war and administrative transition. His unique achievements and dedication to the men and women of the U.S. Army make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

HONORING THE CANYON HIGH SCHOOL COWBOY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, before the Santa Clarita Valley school term ends this year, I wish to recognize the coaches and athletes of the Canyon High School's football program for their outstanding performance during the 2005 high school football season. Canyon High School's varsity football team completed their season by defeating cross-town rival Hart High School with a score of 21-13 to clinch the CIF—California Interscholastic Federation—Southern Section Division II title. Canyon High School finished its season with an impressive record of 13-1.

MaxPreps, a California-based national high school sports information Web site, lauded Canyon High School's football program. MaxPreps recently ranked Canyon High School's football program as the 14th best in the Nation. This ranking was achieved amongst a field of over 15,000 schools nationwide. MaxPreps presented head coach Harry Welch with a trophy engraved: "2005 MaxPreps Tour of Champions, presented by the Army National Guard to Canyon High School Head Coach Harry Welch." Only 10 such trophies were presented nationally.

Th California Interscholastic Federation also bestowed individual honors upon various members of the team. Honors include, but are not limited to, All Section First-team Defense—Tyler Hawkins, Garrett Leary, All Section Second Team Defense—J.J. DiLuigi, Richard Wirthlin, Division II Offensive Players of the Year—Austin Civita, J.J. DiLuigi, Division II Defensive Players of the Year—Matt

Brown, Garrett Leary, Division II Coach of the Year—Harry Welch, Division II Offense—Nick Peterson, Nick Madia, Richard Wirthlin, Phillip Malinoski, and Division II Defense—Chris Kinsbury, Tyler Hawkins.

The level of dedication and tenacity displayed by coaches and players of Canyon High School's football program deserves great praise. The ethos of this tightly knit team should serve as an example to all those aspiring for greatness.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the individual members of Canyon High School's champion football team. Coach Harry Welch, Jean P. Curvey, Ben Longshore, Richard Wirthlin, Stephen Wirthlin, Anthony Arriaga, Amir Rafah, Mark Urbina, John DiLuigi, Austin Civita, Sean Ward, Zane Enright, Phillip Malinoski, Christopher Chapman, David Pyne, Sean Gavin, Randal Rigg, Michael Montano, Christopher Kingsbury, Michael Cooper, Kenny Suber, Daniel Garza, Jr., Leon Henderson, Tyler Hawkins, Keith Martin, Josh Parrick, Jordan Ferguson, C.R. Maldonado, Mike Loucks, Michael Pyne, Raymond Maldonado, Jonathan Hammock, Nick Jurado, Deric Blas, Matthew Brown, Randy Lemus, Joseph Dellibovi, Grant Higgins, Garrett Leary, Michael Blanco, Ryan Schurke, Andrew Martinez, Justin Wallace, Andrew Suarez, Nick Peterson, Hacob Karaoglanian, Mike Harker, Damian Ozuna, A.J. Wallerstein, Nicholas Madia, Mark Valdez, Sean Rowlett, Fares Albichara, Britt Briscoe, Ben Armbruster, and Troy Curvey.

The late Vince Lombardi once said that football is like life—it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority. Through their triumphant season, the Canyon Cowboys have developed a winning attitude that will serve them well for their entire life. I commend the team for their ability, commitment, and steadfast determination and I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING MS. EMMA KOLB

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emma Kolb, who has recently finished her 69th year of service to students and parents in western Kansas. She has gone above the call of duty and made her teaching career of 47 years into a passion by volunteering for 22 years after her retirement.

Ms. Kolb began teaching in 1937 in Rush County, KS, and for the next 15 years worked in several other country schools. In 1951 she started at Lincoln Elementary School in Hays. For the next 33 years Emma taught grades second through sixth until she retired in 1984.

If Emma's story stopped there it would still be praiseworthy, but she didn't stop there. She went on to volunteer for 22 more years in the same school building.

The length of her tenure may only be overshadowed by the amount of joy she gave to those she worked with and worked for. During a recent party Lincoln Elementary School staff showed their appreciation for Emma's amazing work by celebrating her commitment to students and her 88th birthday.

I too would like to express my gratitude for Emma's 69 years of service to Kansas students. Ms. Kolb said that during her many years of work inside the school system that "any changes that were made were for the good . . . and that we have a good school system here."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking and honoring Emma Kolb for being a part of those positive changes in the lives of so many students and their schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2006, during consideration of H.R. 5386, I mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 167, the Hinchey Amendment. It was my intention to vote "yes" on the Hinchey Amendment.

CURRENCY PROTECTION BILL

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call your attention to H. Con. Res. 390, a resolution I introduced on April 26, 2006.

We are currently living in an environment where prevention of terrorism is at the forefront of the American mind. It is important to remember that although the U.S. dollar is not typically viewed as a vessel of major catastrophic events, mass counterfeiting of the dollar will undermine the U.S. economy and ultimately destroy the security of our Nation. We have come a long way in protecting our highly visible assets since September 11, 2001. Now we must also extend that to our currency.

H. Con. Res. 390 calls upon the U.S. government to ensure the protection of the U.S. dollar and defend its integrity throughout the world. Our Nation must deter counterfeiting of our currency in order to preserve the strength of the U.S. dollar and protect America from a economic disaster.

Recent global politics illustrate the necessity of H. Con. Res. 390. A few months ago, the United States accused the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) of counterfeiting the U.S. dollar. In retaliation, North Korea claimed that the CIA had counterfeited the U.S. dollar and planted the counterfeit bills in North Korea. Despite North Korea's claim of innocence, it is estimated that at least \$45 million counterfeit U.S. dollar are in circulation and have originated from North Korea.

A timely CRS report released March 22, 2006, correctly states that any act of counterfeiting the U.S. dollar is a direct attack on the United States. We must not allow our adversaries the option of using counterfeit U.S. dollars to cause harm against our Nation or economy. That is why H. Con. Res. 390 is so necessary.

This is not just a threat against the United States. The U.S. dollar is the world's reserve currency. Undermining the value of the dollar will negatively affect our allies and the nations

that are dependent on our currency. Counterfeiting of the U.S. dollar weakens our own ability to protect the U.S. and also pads the arsenals of those who wish to engineer our destruction.

It is time to step up and put a stop to the obvious counterfeiting of the U.S. dollar by foreign nations. I am proud to introduce H. Con. Res. 390 in the House, and I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this measure. We must protect our most important national asset—the U.S. dollar.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS CARDUCCI,
GARTH EPPLEY, GEORGINA
JOSHI, ZACHARY NOVAK AND
ROBERT SAMELS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, the community of classical vocal music artists and listeners suffered a great loss on April 20, 2006, when a light plane carrying five outstanding graduate students from Indiana University's Bloomington campus School of Music crashed just short of its destination. We join those grieving the loss of these talented musicians—Chris Carducci of Monroe, MI; Garth Eppley of Wabash, IN; Georgina Joshi of South Bend, IN; Zachary Novak of Anderson, IN; and Robert Samels of Medina, OH—for their accomplishments, for the great promise they held, and for the people they were. We will remember them today.

Chris Carducci—born April 18, 1978, in Monroe, MI, a graduate of Monroe High School, he received a bachelor of arts degree in music education in 2002 from Bowling Green State University—BGSU, Bowling Green, OH. He earned a master's degree in music from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 2005. He was a life member of St. John Catholic Church, where he was baptized, confirmed, and educated at its school. He was a former member and past president of the BGSU Men's Chorus. His opera career included an appearance at Carnegie Hall, where he sang selections from Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch* for the Marilyn Horne Foundation's "The Song Continues . . . 2005." A baritone, Mr. Carducci performed with Toledo Opera, Michigan Opera Works, BGSU Opera Theater and IU Opera Theater. In 2005, he created the role of Pontius Pilate in "Pilatus," a new opera by Robert Samels. Last year, he was recognized by the Metropolitan Opera National Council's Indiana District with an Encouragement Award. He also was a two-time winner of the Conrad-Peatee Art Song Competition.

Zachary Joseph Novak—Born Sept. 17, 1980, in Anderson, IN, graduated Highland High School in 1999. He went on to Anderson University and received a bachelor's degree in 2004, graduating *summa cum laude* with honors in music. Zach received the Anderson University music department's Voice Performance Award and won the Senior Men category and State National Association of Teachers of Singing Awards. He was due to graduate in early May with a master of music degree in choral conducting with a minor in voice from Indiana University in Bloomington. During his years at Indiana University he studied under